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SUBJECT: REYNOLDS ALUMINUM PROJECT

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1. I FOLLOWED UP PER INSTRUCTION REFTEL WITH BISENGEMANA ON AUG 1. HE LAUGHED AND SAID THAT REYNOLDS HAD MISUNDERSTOOD. ZAIRE HAS AN ACCORD WITH THE GOZ, SIGNED BY BISENGEMANA HIMSELF, WHICH SPECIFICALLY SETS FORTH THE UNDERSTANDING OF REYNOLD'S ROLE AND RIGHTS IN PROSPECTION, TRANSFORMATION, ETC. THE ALUSUISEE "ACCORD" WAS SIGNED BY PEMBELE AND IS NO MORE THAN AN AGREEMENT THAT ZAIRE HAS ENERGY TO SPARE AND THAT ALUSUISSE IS WELCOME TO DO A FEASIBILITY STUDY AT ITS OWN EXPENSE.

2. BISENGEMANA WAS QUITE CLEAR. REYNOLDS IS THE PRIMARY AGENT OF ZAIRE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALUMINUM INDUSTRY. THE ALUSUISSE ACCORD IS SOMETHING ELSE; INDEED IF ANYONE WANTS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF INGA POWER, THEY ARE WELCOME. BUT THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE GOZ WILL ALLOW NEWCOMERS TO POACH ON AGREEMENTS PREVIOUSLY CONCLUDED. BISENGEMANA CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT HE WANTED AND EXPECTED REYNOLDS TO PURSUE AND ATTAIN REQUIRED FINANCING.
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